

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
AUDITORS, SELECTMEN,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. W. HADLEY, Treasurer of Goffstown, 1869, *Dr.*

Amount received of G. B. Moore, Treas.

for 1868,\$1,911 85

Received of R. Johnson, collector for 1868, 2,733 29

“ from Selectmen, money borrowed, 6,996 00

“ of Hillsborough County, 26 50

“ “ Abram Richards, note, 38 00

“ “ A. W. Russell, on note, 54 89

“ from sales of lumber at Dow Bridge, 24 60

“ for R. R. Tax, 504 10

“ from literary fund, 83 60

“ “ United States, 396 00

“ for savings bank tax, 1,237 90

“ of Dunbarton, 12 00

“ from sales of town-house, 228 40

“ for interest on school fund, 23 50

“ “ bank tax of N. V. Merrill for
1867 and 1868, 16 90

“ of Chas. Morgrage, col. for 1869, 10,013 88

“ for school-house tax, Dist. No. 10, 25 00

\$24,326 41

Cr. By orders paid, 22,949 18

Balance in Treasurer's hands, \$1,377 23

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Notes, and interest on same, due from town March	
1, 1870,	\$33,287 85
<i>Less</i> , Amt. due from United States,.....	\$3,314 00
“ for bank tax, 1867-8,.....	279 10
“ “ D. S. Carr's note,.....	269 70
“ “ A. W. Russell's note,...	7 87
Amt. of taxes in former Col. hands,..	372 78
“ “ in present Col. hands, 1,105	12
Amt. in hands of Treasurer,.....	1,377 23
“ due from County,.....	49 00
	\$6,774 80
Indebtedness of town,.....	\$26,513 05

The undersigned have carefully examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, for the year ending March 1, 1870, and find them perfectly satisfactory.

JOHN M. PARKER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
WILLIAM P. WARREN,		
DAVID S. FERNON,		

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN ORDERS.

A. F. Carr, doctoring County pauper,	\$17 25
G. P. Hadley, surveying and running line,	4 50
Story & Richards, lumber for Centre bridge,	8 50
John Dunlap, labor on Richardson bridge,	1 50
Cyrus George, use of watering trough in 1868,	3 00
John Steele, services as Town Clerk 5 mos. in 1868,...	10 00
Letitia George, money on note,	500 00
George Warren, note and interest,	214 75
Cyrus George, board and care of Mrs. Dana,	18 00
Rhoda Richards, interest on note,	21 00
Moses Gage, wood for Benjamin Whipple,	4 75
Luther Hadley, working out non-resident tax,	66
R. Johnson, services after settling with Aud., Mar., '69,	5 00
George W. Towne, damage done sheep by dogs,	6 00
George K. Richards, working out non-res. tax, and use of watering trough in 1868,	5 97
John W. Smith, land for town house,	250 00
Charles F. Livingston, for printing reports,	34 00
Hannah Tewksbury, interest on note,	72 00
Samuel Hilands, board of Mrs. Hardy,	50 00
Samuel Hilands, medical attendance,	1 75
Henry Moore, school-house tax in Dist. No. 12,	100 00
Hillsborough County, board of B. P. Manning,	24 75
H. E. Blaisdell, stone work near Dow bridge,	70 00
Mrs. L. Willoughby, Richardson note and int.,	861 08
F. F. Flint, record of births and deaths,	6 00

Abigail Hayward, interest on note,.....	\$30 00
G. B. Poor, flour furnished Mrs. Harriman,.....	6 00
G. B. Poor, goods furnished Mrs. Harriman,.....	9 38
Jacob A. Flanders, labor on highways,.....	45 25
Gilbert Alexander, board of Mrs. Kittredge,.....	26 00
Gilbert Alexander, clothing for Mrs. Kittredge,.....	8 00
F. H. Phillips, labor on highways,.....	25 00
D. G. Roberts, labor on highways,.....	43 00
D. G. Roberts, wood delivered Mrs. Foster,.....	7 00
Peter E. Hadley, 2d, labor on highways,	90 00
Henry Moore, school-house tax in No. 12,.....	50 00
Sally Parker, interest on note,.....	8 02
G. P. Hadley, 2d, labor with surveyors,.....	7 00
Gilbert Alexander, board of Mrs. Kittredge,.....	26 00
Charles Morgrave, stationery, stamps, expenses to Wilton, Auburn, Concord and Windham,.....	21 74
Charles Morgrave, interest on note,	9 31
H. J. Tirrell, use of hall three times,.....	25 00
Lucinda L. Hadley, interest on note,.....	8 47
Lucy Hadley, " "	6 76
A. F. Carr, interest on notes,.....	102 00
Hiram Tirrell, land damage,	230 00
Franklin Crombie, surveying Dow road,.....	17 50
Alfred Poor, stamps, stationery, bills, board and horse keeping,	13 98
A. Poor & Son, goods furnished Mrs. J. Harriman,.....	24 10
Julia A. Little, interest on note,.....	46 96
Mrs. Rhoda Richards, interest on note,.....	5 92
Mrs. Harriet W. Black, " "	22 75
John B. Varick, lead pipe,	14 28
David Worthley, land damage,.....	70 00
H. W. Hadley, note-record book,.....	1 75
Samuel Hilands, board of S. Hardy,.....	38 00
C. K. and O. B. Pierce, building road,.....	359 00
Benj. Saulpaugh, board of B. P. Manning,	26 00
F. H. Phillips, labor on highways,.....	40 00
J. B. Pattee, " "	150 00
Henry Moore, wood for Mrs. Hazelton,.....	2 50
George W. Towne, interest on note,.....	137 79
T. R. Hoyt, labor on highways,.....	14 00

D. and D. Gregg, labor on highways,.....	\$6 00
George Poor, interest on notes,	70 08
“ “ “ “ “	19 73
Wm. McAllister, stone monument on town line,.....	7 50
Julia A. Little, interest on note,.....	130 15
Frances Martin, labor on highway,.....	4 00
George Warren, for town house,.....	2,750 00
James Ferson, labor on highway,.....	39 37
Benj. Greer & Co., lumber for bridge,.....	318 39
James Ferson, repairing highway,.....	105 00
J. P. Manning, repairing building,.....	137 00
D. C. Rowell, labor on highway,.....	5 50
D. L. Woodbury, labor on highway,.....	16 87
David Steele, interest on note,.....	28 77
“ “ “ “ “	89 25
L. D. Hunkins, labor on highway,.....	11 00
John Murphy, “ “ “	6 50
Luther Kidder, labor on stone for bridge,.....	32 00
E. C. Colby, services to Wilton,.....	10 00
E. G. Bowen, labor on stone for bridge,.....	55 00
Gilbert Alexander, board of Mrs. Kittridge,.....	26 00
H. C. Bemis, freight on derrick,.....	2 80
“ “ use of hall,.....	4 00
Jesse Carr, use of watering trough,.....	3 00
C. C. Beard, labor on road and bridge,.....	3 00
E. G. Talford, labor on stone for bridge,.....	93 00
T. R. Hoyt, labor on highway,.....	30 00
Alfred Stevens, labor on highway,.....	60 00
C. & C. W. Cheeney, Jr. labor on highway,.....	39 00
F. C. Bowers, labor on bridge,.....	200 00
Caleb Stowell, labor on highway,.....	62 50
George W. Towne, labor on stone for bridge,.....	98 91
S. D. Johnson, labor on highway,.....	149 00
F. O. Colby, labor on highway,.....	34 50
A. F. Carr, stone for bridge,.....	35 00
John Greer, labor and chestnut plank,.....	26 50
Manchester Print Works, for the use of derrick,.....	31 50
F. H. Phillips, labor on bridge and stone monuments on town line,.....	65 50
Alfred Poor, lumber, and cash paid out,.....	28 06

Sewell Stratton, repairing road and culvert,.....	\$165 00
A. Poor, labor on highway District No. 11,.....	115 23
S. J. Merrill, labor repairing road and culvert,.....	87 50
Rebecca Burnham, interest on note,.....	16 94
D. G. Roberts, labor on highway,.....	67 00
Joseph Tirrill, " " "	90 00
H. E. Blaisdell, lantern oil, and land damage,.....	12 98
J. B. Pattee, labor on bridge,.....	68 90
A. W. Russell, board of pauper, 1867—8,.....	6 00
A. W. Russell, board of stone masons,.....	64 35
J. B. Hoyt, labor on Dow bridge, and bog brook bridges,	216 61
Betsey Mills, stone and land damage,.....	20 00
Wm. P. Warren, blacksmithing,.....	27 64
John G. Dodge, labor on highway,	25 00
John Ferson, labor on bridge and roads,.....	100 00
Joseph Cram, labor on highway,.....	5 00
Jesse Nichols, lumber for bog brook bridges,	71 02
“ labor drawing lumber bog bridges,	12 00
“ lumber for Dow Bridge and brook bridge,	434 13
Franklin Crombie, taking altitudes and profile, on the Dorr road,.....	20 00
N. S. Merrill, repairing highway and culvert,.....	87 50
J. B. Pattee, school-house tax,.....	25 00
Alfred Stevens, labor on highway,.....	28 05
A. Whitney, labor and interest on note,.....	19 00
“ “ “ “	6 76
D. R. Belshar, labor on dam,.....	2 50
Abner Hoyt, labor on bridge,.....	4 00
Sarah Harriman, interest on note,.....	5 08
Luther Hadley, “ “	16 94
Dunlap & Harriman, lumber for bridge,.....	6 15
N. E. Kimball, labor on road, and clothing for D. T. Merrill,	20 75
T. C. Bowers, labor on highway and brook bridges,.....	43 00
“ labor on Dow Bridge,.....	300 00
John Gilchrist, over-tax on bank stock returned,.....	101 40
Charles Morgrage, cash paid G. E. Fitch, George Foster, Nelson Richards, and J. Mahona,	25 00
Hiram S. Hoyt, labor on highway,.....	60 00
John Gilchrist, “ “	99 15

Alfrettia Boyce, note and interest,.....	\$419 00
Benj. Saulpaugh, board of B. P. Manning,.....	26 00
Abigail Hayward, note and interest.....	532 29
S. D. Johnson, school house tax.....	20 00
Charles George, labor on highway.....	8 75
George K. Richard, labor on highway and use of water- ing trough,.....	15 00
Joseph J. Poor, labor on highways,	43 62
John Dunlap, chestnut lumber,.....	56 30
Luther Hadley, interest on note,.....	62 70
Orin Moore, land damage,.....	25 00
Henry Lancaster, bolts and labor,.....	4 00
George M. Eaton, labor on highways,.....	39 00
Taylor Pierce, " "	6 00
S. W. Little, interest on note,.....	7 18
Joseph Hadley, labor on highway,.....	14 40
N. J. Warren, interest on note,	2 20
George W. Parker, interest on note,.....	55 77
" " "	141 00
N. Hadley, interest on note,.....	60 00
" " "	16 94
Samuel Upton, for services,	5 00
John Whitney, labor on road and bridge,.....	14 00
Moses Balch, labor on highway,.....	3 50
Gideon Flanders, use of watering trough two years,.....	6 00
S. W. Little, interest on note,.....	18 00
A. Whitney, " "	15 16
Samuel Orr, labor and stone for culvert,.....	10 00
Alfred Story, interest on note,.....	23 66
" " "	84 00
Hannah Tewksbury, interest on note,.....	16 94
Charles Morgrage, revenue stamps, nails, expenses run- ning lines and road, hearing, &c.,	23 96
George Warren, for town house,.....	2000 00
Benj. Greer, labor on highways,.....	18 00
Pattee & Greer, chestnut lumber,.....	39 25
A. Story & Co., lantern and nails,.....	4 85
Benj. Greer, lumber for bridges,.....	107 52
D. & D. Gregg, lumber for walk on bridge,.....	9 54
John Butterfield, labor on roads,.....	3 00

D. O. Smith, medical attendance on Mrs. Kittridge,.....	\$9 00
Rebecca Burnham, interest on note,.....	18 50
J. Q. Perley, labor on highway,.....	4 00
R. Johnson, chestnut plank,	4 00
Charles Morgrage, interest on note, labor on bridge, and collecting taxes,.....	250 00
School Orders,—District No. 1, T. C. Bowers,.....	194 63
“ 2, Moses Balch,.....	55 69
“ 3, S. D. Johnson,.....	104 51
“ 4, A. J. Hazen,	74 64
“ 5, B. P. Burpee,	62 71
“ 6, S. B. Gilchrist,.....	72 77
“ 7, B. F. Harriman,.....	97 68
“ 8, C. W. Cheney, Jr.,.....	78 77
“ 9, E. C. Colby,.....	169 50
“ 10, J. B. Pattee,	122 19
“ 11, Alvin Hadley,	136 94
“ 12, T. F. Wells,.....	50 23
“ 13, P. H. Pattee,.....	75 00
“ 14, David Worthley,.....	50 74
“ 15, S. J. Dow,.....	33 35
T. C. Bowers, labor on highway,	3 00
Wm. D. Hopkins, lumber for bridge, and labor,.....	8 87
David Steele, services for 1869,.....	2 00
S. E. Hills, labor on highway,	5 00
G. P. Hadley, surveying roads, making plans, and labor on highways,.....	56 00
C. F. Livingston, printing orders, bills and check-lists,...	15 25
Hannah Tewksbury, interest on note,.....	12 00
Gilbert Alexander, board of Mrs. Kittredge,.....	26 00
H. S. Alexander, care of Mrs. Kittredge while sick,	10 00
Ada A. Butler, one sheep killed by dog,.....	2 50
Henry Johnson, damage done to sheep,.....	7 00
Peter E. Hadley, labor on highways,.....	67 02
T. C. Bowers, labor on highways in P. E. Hadley's district,.....	4 00
Charles Richards, labor on highways in P. E. Hadley's district,.....	3 50
Wm. D. Hopkins, labor on highways in P. E. Hadley's district,.....	11 00

Charles Johnson, labor on highways in P. E. Hadley's district,	\$2 00
Lucinda L. Hadley, interest on note,	66 86
H. J. Tirrell, damage done to horse and wagon, and board of paupers, and use of watering trough,	16 00
A. W. Russell, board of County paupers,	3 75

List of Taxes Abated and Overtaxed, 1869.

Ira Barr, overtaxed,	\$8 47
Seth Woodbury, overtaxed on bank stock,	8 47
David Anderson, overtaxed,	1 06
William Stevens, tax abated,	1 00
Jonathan Rogers, overtaxed,	2 54
Henry B. Stearns, over seventy,	2 54
David M. Riley, overtaxed,	3 38
John Sumner, overtaxed, (paid in Weare)	2 54
Edward F. Aiken, overtaxed (paid in Manchester),	2 54
A. J. Sanborn, overtaxed (paid in Auburn),	2 54
Albert Whittemore, overtaxed (paid in Hooksett),	2 54
J. F. Warren, overtaxed (paid in Boston)	2 54
Charles Bradbury, overtaxed (paid in Hopkinton),	2 54
William Weeks, overtaxed (paid in Hopkinton),	2 54
James Thompson, overtaxed (paid in Hopkinton),	2 54
John Foy, overtaxed (paid in Manchester),	2 54
John Heath, overtaxed (paid in Bow),	2 54
Charles Morgrage, balance of abatement of taxes,	48 26
E. C. Shirley, labor on highway,	41 13
L. H. George, interest on note,	4 60
F. H. Phillips, wood and provisions for Mrs. R. Haseltine,	24 10
F. H. Phillips, labor on highways,	50 00
C. Morgrage, cash paid for stamps, &c.,	7 00
George H. Sargent, interest on note,	5 08
S. A. Kidder, labor on highways,	10 00
D. and J. S. Little, doctoring paupers,	30 75
“ “ “ county paupers,	8 25
E. Jones, labor on highways,	4 50
Andrew McDougall, labor, lumber, and use of water,	11 00
E. R. Poor, provision for paupers, and spikes,	18 07

H. W. Hadley, notes and interest,	\$255 62
A. Poor, labor on bridges, and cash paid out,	35 20
E. Richards, 2d, labor on highways,	26 00
G. B. Moore, nails for bridges and goods for R. Hazeltine,	20 68
W. H. Hart, labor on highways,	5 00
R. Johnson, abatement of taxes, 1868,	60 24
“ “ paid D. Shirley, for plank,	10 00
“ “ “ E. Smith, land damage,	10 00
“ “ “ Daniel Shirley, overtax,	8 50
“ “ “ paid P. H. Pattee, use of water-trough three years,	9 00
R. Johnson, tax collected by C. Morgrage,	14 15
F. H. Phillips, provision for Mrs. R. Haseltine,	9 88
F. H. Phillips, labor on highways,	40 59
Joseph Tirrell, labor on highways,	63 75
Alvin Hadley, books furnished, 1869,	5 02
Alvin Hadley, services as Supt. School Committee,	66 00
David S. Ferson, labor on highways,	5 50
S. D. Johnson, labor on highways,	26 54
Alfred Poor, labor on highways, in October,	35 00
Charles Morgrage, labor, and balance collecting taxes,	16 17
Alfred Poor, services as selectman,	93 00
Charles Morgrage, services as selectman,	90 00
F. H. Phillips, services as selectman,	57 00
H. W. Hadley, services as treasurer,	40 00
“ “ extra services as treasurer,	10 00
“ “ for cash paid auditors,	6 00

ALFRED POOR,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHARLES MORGRAGE,	
F. H. PHILLIPS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Goffstown.</i>

GOFFSTOWN, March 1, 1870.

Report of Town-House Committee.

We, the undersigned, a committee appointed by the town of Goffstown to settle with the committee appointed to build the Town-house in Goffstown, have attended to the duty assigned us, and report that the whole expense of building said Town-house is as follows :

Cost of land,.....	\$350 00
Paid by citizens, on subscription,.....	75 00
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Paid by town,.....	\$275 00
The whole expense, aside from the land amounts to	5114 62
Whole cost of building.....	\$5389 62

The chairman of the building committee said at a town-meeting that the whole expense would not exceed \$5000 ; but in this estimate the painting was not included, and the building has one coat of paint which has cost, inside and out, \$290.29. We considered this necessary. We have examined all the bills, find them correctly cast, and also receipted, excepting what is due to George Warren and Eliphalet Richards, and their bills have only charged for work actually performed.

All which is submitted by the committee.

DAVID STEELE,	} Committee.
CALVIN WYMAN,	
JOHN M. PARKER,	

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee respectfully submits the following report:

The prosperity of the schools compares favorably with that of former years, and in those cases, with one or two exceptions, where to some extent they have been unsuccessful, the school money was not expended wholly in vain. Districts No. 2, 10 and 12 have manifested a greater degree of interest by providing better accommodations for their children, and in all these places prosperous schools have been held. Other circumstances were combined in the accomplishment of this result, but it is universally acknowledged by those, whose experience in school life qualifies them to judge, that a convenient and attractive school room contributes much to the prosperity of a school.

Other districts should consider the disadvantages connected with the outlay of their school money, and at once adopt measures to secure better houses. A few are a disgrace to any enlightened people, and are so repulsive in appearance, we do not wonder that the parents and friends of the scholars are so seldom found inside their doors. Some say, it is of no use to provide neat and well furnished school rooms to be immediately disfigured and ruined by careless and inconsiderate scholars. We admit that most of our school houses are needlessly abused, but when older persons, in the presence of the children, are free to wish the old houses burned, does all the blame rest upon the scholars for the destruction practiced in some instances? Again, in some of the districts many of the barns, when compared with the school houses, far exceed them in neatness of structure and convenience of arrangement, and how unreasonable to expect the children to care for and

respect such houses. We believe in providing school rooms which are worth preserving, and a reform cannot be secured till this is done.

More would be done to promote the welfare of our schools, if their importance was duly considered and their real value fully appreciated. The State Supt. of Public Instruction in a circular calling for a convention of the school committee of this County, appropriately says: "There is need of greater zeal in the cause of education,—of more union in effort, and system in the management of our schools,—of a higher standard of qualifications on the part of teachers, and increase of animation and thought with the pupils."

Hillard's series of Readers has been introduced into most of the schools. The books have given excellent satisfaction, and have been the means of awakening a greater interest in this important exercise of the school room. A teacher has the opportunity of seeing the advantage of frequently giving a child a new reader, notwithstanding the testimony of some people to the contrary. In this connection we would express our conviction, that teachers should provide themselves with reading books, for to us it seems like robbery to depend upon the classes. With the exception of a few studies, two scholars should not be required to study from one book. Give each a separate book, and enough more will be learned to pay the cost.

We would call attention to Shaw's Writing and Composition Spelling Book, as affording an exercise which must be of great value if introduced into our schools. By its use much may be learned about the formation of sentences, the proper use of capital letters and punctuation marks, also in spelling and penmanship.

DISTRICT No. 1. Village, South Side.

CARRIE R. CARR, Teacher.

This district had three terms. Miss Carr, with but little previous experience, managed the school, which is large in numbers and very poorly accommodated, with good success. We attribute this prosperity to the teacher's kindness to her pupils, careful

attention to the exercises of the school room, and real adaptedness to the work. The winter term was commenced by George P. Hadley, 2d, but on account of sickness, he was obliged to leave after teaching two weeks. He evidently made a good beginning and gave satisfaction. Miss Carr taught the remainder of the term. A new school house would lead to greater prosperity in the school, and efforts should be made to secure it.

DISTRICT No. 2. Mountain.

Winter Term.—SARA A. PAIGE, Teacher.

The term of twelve weeks passed pleasantly and profitably. We commend the scholars for their correct deportment and attention to study. It seemed evident that more was accomplished by expending the money for one term, instead of dividing it for two short ones, as has usually been practiced here. Some repairs added much to the comfort of the school house, yet a new arrangement of seats is needed.

DISTRICT No. 3. Shirley Hill.

Summer Term, MARY A. CAMPBELL, Teacher.

Winter Term, MARY E. SARGENT, Teacher.

A small but pleasant school. Miss C. is a persevering, and energetic teacher, and the scholars were thoroughly drilled. The good conduct of the pupils, their promptness and correctness in recitation, afforded us satisfaction.

Miss Sargent's school appeared well at the commencement, but we did not receive timely notice of its close. The teacher reports, "decided improvement in reading." Six scholars did not whisper during the term. These circumstances are favorable to the teacher and pupils.

DISTRICT No. 4. Kennedy Hill.

Summer and Winter Terms.

N. AMANDA WYMAN, Teacher.

The last was Miss Wyman's seventh term in this district, and the thorough acquaintance existing between teacher and scholars was quite a benefit to the school. Miss Wyman's long connection with the school, forcibly shows that the people appreciate the services of a good teacher, and are well united in the work. In most instances more is accomplished when the same teacher has charge of a school for several terms. We were informed that an attempt would be made to repair the school house. A convenient and comfortable school room might be made from the old one without great expense.

DISTRICT No. 5. Mast Road.

Summer and Winter Terms.

A. JOSIE CROCKETT, Teacher.

This school was quite small compared with former years. Only one-half as many scholars reported, as there was for the winter term of last year, a change seldom occurring in our schools. Improvement was manifest in deportment, and in the general exercises of the school-room. If more energy could be awakened in recitation among these naturally smart scholars, it would add materially to the character of the school.

DISTRICT No. 6. Center, South Side.

Summer Term, LIZZIE A. WHITE, Teacher.

Winter Term, SYLVANUS B. GILCHRIST, Teacher.

The services of both teachers seemed to be very acceptable to the district. Miss White has had a large experience and is an excellent teacher. But one visit was made to her school; then

everything was working well. Mr. Gilchrist was faithful in his work and good progress was made for the time the school continued. The school year was a prosperous one.

DISTRICT No. 7. East.

Summer Term, ELLA J. MERRILL, Teacher.

Winter Term, D. NEWTON PUTNEY, Teacher.

Our impressions were favorable at the commencement of the term. The scholars were poorly accommodated, and we cannot reasonably expect children to be quiet, when crowded upon backless seats. Our second visit was made two days before the appointed time for the final examinations, and but few scholars were present. Some seemed to lack interest, while others showed commendable progress.

Mr. Putney had previously taught here, and his return was the source of gratification to those interested in the welfare of the school. We were well pleased with the advancement made, and the exercises indicated thoroughness in teaching, and diligence in study. In many respects it was an excellent school. Mr. Putney uses Guyot's Geography to good advantage. The maps presented for examination were neatly and correctly drawn.

DISTRICT No. 8. Tebbetts Hill.

Summer Term, MARY E. SARGENT, Teacher.

Winter Term, CALVIN MARTIN, Teacher.

These terms were so short that but little could be done at best. The scholars were benefited, but not to that extent which a greater interest in the school would have produced. Twelve weeks of schooling is a small matter when compared with what the scholars need. These teachers labored as successfully as could be expected under the circumstances.

DISTRICT No. 9. Center, North Side.

Summer Term, SARA A. PAIGE, Teacher.

Winter Term, ALVIN HADLEY, Teacher.

Harmony of feeling did not exist between teacher and scholars to that extent which is essential to secure the best results. Miss Paige is entitled to the credit of an honest endeavor to benefit her pupils, but the cares and trials constantly arising in such a large school, combined with fears of not being able to please in all things, were evidently a great burden to her. We do not consider the term by any means a failure; considerable progress was made.

The scholars were well interested in the school during the winter term. Better habits of study were observed than during our first charge of the school, and the efforts aside from the regular school hours, contributed much towards the advancement made. No word of complaint from scholars or parents, ever came to our knowledge; a fact truly wonderful considering the disadvantages attending a teacher's labors in a large school. We went forth to our task from day to day with the assurance of the hearty sympathy and coöperation of all the parents. We were made the recipient of an appropriate token, valuable in itself, but to us it has another and greater value, coming from kind, respectful, and obedient scholars.

DISTRICT No. 10. Pattee Hill.

Summer Term, JOSIE PATTEE, Teacher.

Winter Term, GEORGIA F. AUSTIN, Teacher.

Miss Pattee commenced teaching in her own district, having for scholars those, who but a few months before, were mates of hers at school. The teacher says: "The scholars were uniformly courteous and obedient, diligent in their studies, and generally very perfect in recitation." As a natural consequence good improvement was made in the studies pursued.

This was Miss Austin's third term in the district. She is really at home in the school room, and performs its labors with apparent ease. The class in the National Arithmetic was the best we have found during the year. An unusual ability to give illustrations was manifest. The teacher has given an interesting report from which we quote: "In all my experience I have never met with a class of scholars more pleasing in all respects; perfect union has existed during the term." Suitable chairs and desks have been provided, contributing largely to the comfort and convenience of the school.

DISTRICT No. 11. Parker's.

Summer Term, N. AMANDA WYMAN, Teacher.

Winter Term, DENNIS R. CHASE, and

GEORGE P. HADLEY, 2d, Teachers.

It has been quite an eventful year in the history of this school. Circumstances trying and difficult appeared, yet we believe a commendable degree of improvement was made. The summer term was commenced by Miss Martha R. Butterfield, who taught four days, but on account of ill health was unable to proceed with the school. The scholars made good advancement under Miss Wyman's instruction, and she gave excellent satisfaction to the district.

Mr. Chase taught five weeks, when so much dissatisfaction was expressed he left the school. We made two visits, but saw no indications of reported difficulties. He is highly commended in the Weare School report of last year.

Mr. Hadley labored with the school six weeks. Order and improvement were good. It was a profitable term. The school room has not a sufficient amount of black-board. A good one is now deemed indispensable in teaching arithmetic.

DISTRICT No. 12. Paige.

Summer and Winter Terms.

ELLA M. BUTLER, Teacher.

Miss Butler made a good beginning as a teacher. The welfare of the scholars received her undivided attention, and thoroughness in teaching was a prominent feature. Three visits were made during the two terms, and we feel satisfied that the school was managed successfully. The register is correctly filled and contains a good report of each school. The school house has been remodelled and conveniently fitted up for the school.

DISTRICT No. 13. Village, North Side.

Summer Term, HATTIE BLAISDELL, Teacher.

Winter Term, NEWMAN J. WILSON, and
STEPHEN CRAM, Teachers.

The school was rather disorderly at first, but the teacher reports less trouble in maintaining order than she expected. Miss Blaisdell appeared anxious in regard to the well-being of her pupils. A good degree of interest was manifested in the closing exercises. Appropriate, and we believe truthful remarks are found in the register.

The winter term was unsuccessful in the extreme. Mr. Wilson left from choice, after teaching seven days. We have heard several reasons assigned, but none of them came from him. Mr. Cram did well in the examination before the Committee, but he evidently had singular ideas respecting school life, and it is difficult to account for some of his reported acts. The register has not been returned, and we are thus deprived of a knowledge of the attendance.

DISTRICT No. 15. Dow's.

Winter Term.—MARY A. RICHARDSON, Teacher.

A small and backward school, but doing well considering the advantages it enjoys. As we were unable to be present at the final examination, we cannot report definitely in regard to the prosperity of the school. It was Miss Richardson's first attempt at teaching. Teacher and scholars were doing well when visited. A short term well improved, is of great worth.

CONCLUSION.

We feel assured that we have not pleased all in the preceding reports. We may have exercised too much charity towards unsuccessful teachers, but we have little faith in hard words. Ridicule and sarcasm are poor instruments with which to labor for a reform, and hard expressions respecting a teacher or school appear entirely different to the author, when presented to the public gaze with his signature attached. We would express our thanks to the teachers for their care in filling out the registers. With one exception, every important item is reported, and that was doubtless accidentally omitted. The uniform kindness manifested by teachers, scholars and parents, is also cheerfully acknowledged.

ALVIN HADLEY,
School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

		SUMMER TERM.											WINTER TERM.																						
		Number of districts.			Length of school in weeks.			Number of scholars.			Average attendance.			No. not absent one half day.			No. instances of tardiness.			No. instances of dismissal.			No. visits by School Com.			No. visits by Pruden. Com.			No. visits by citizens and others.			Wages of teacher per month.			
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		4	12	9	8	0	14	3	2	0	9	11 33*	4	12	15	12	3	18	7	2	0	6	14 00*	5	10	19	18	9	65	2	2	2	15	14 00*	
		5	10	23	22	4	33	7	2	0	12	12 00*	6	6	8	12	10	0	66	18	3	0	7	24 00	7	10	24	19	4	2	1	2	0	24	25 00*
		6	6	8	7	2	0	6	1	0	12	20 00	8	6	22	19	7	3	2	2	0	15	30 00	8	6	22	19	7	3	2	2	0	15	30 00	
		7	10	29	20	1	4	1	2	1	28	22 00	9	10	47	33	2	147	10	0	0	25	30 00*	9	12	47	33	2	147	10	0	0	25	30 00*	
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